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*And the work that we have builded
Oft with bleeding hands and tears,
Oft in error, oft in anguish,
Will not perish with our years:
It will live and shine transfigured
In the final reign of right:
It will pass into the splendors
Of the city of the light.*

—FELIX ADLER.

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The Trustees and the Faculty

of

The Shaw University

request the honor of your presence

at the

SEVENTY-NINTH

Annual Commencement
of the University

On Monday, May twenty-ninth

nineteen hundred and forty-four

at three-thirty o'clock

in the afternoon

*IN THE SHAW UNIVERSITY GREENLEAF MEMORIAL HALL
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA*

CALENDAR

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

Friday, May 26

8:00 p.m.—Greenleaf Memorial Hall—Class Night Exercises.

Sunday, May 28

3:00 p.m.—Greenleaf Memorial Hall—The Baccalaureate Service
SPEAKER: The Reverend W. H. Hester, Pastor, The Twelfth
Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

5:00 p.m.—The President's Home. The reception in honor of the
Graduating Class by President and Mrs. Robert P.
Daniel.

Monday, May 29

10:00 a.m.—The University Chapel. The Annual Meeting of the
Shaw University Alumni Association.

3:30 p.m.—The Shaw University Greenleaf Memorial Hall. The
Seventy-Ninth Annual Commencement.

SPEAKER: DR. NOBLE Y. BEALL, Associate Director, the Department
of Colleges, Schools, and Seminaries, the North Baptist
Board of Education; and Superintendent of Negro Work and
Field Secretary, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Commencement Speakers



Dr. Noble Y. Beall

Dr. Noble Y. Beall, associate director of the department of colleges, schools, and seminaries of the Northern Baptist Board of Education; and superintendent of Negro work and field secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will deliver the main address at the seventy-ninth annual commencement of Shaw University which will take place at three-thirty, Monday afternoon, May 29, in the Shaw University Greenleaf Memorial Hall. Approximately sixty persons are expected to receive degrees at the exercises.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached at three o'clock Sunday, May 28, in the University Chapel by the Reverend W. H. Hester, pastor of the Twelfth Baptist Church, Boston, Mass. The Reverend Hester is a native North Carolinian who received his secondary education at the Mary Potter High School in Oxford and his college training at the North Carolina College for Negroes. He has done further work at the Boston University School of Theology and the Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Other events of the commencement program will include the Class Night program at eight o'clock, Friday night, May 26, in the Greenleaf Memorial Hall; the annual meeting of the Shaw University Alumni Association at ten o'clock, Monday morning, May 29, in the University chapel; and the reception given by President and Mrs. Robert P. Daniel in honor of the graduating class at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 28, in the President's home.



The Rev. W. H. Hester

SHAW UNIVERSITY
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Office of the President

May 9, 1944

Dear Alumni and Friends:

By the time you read this letter the United Negro College Drive will be in progress. As one of the participating colleges, Shaw University desires its supporters to join in the campaign. Those who are located in cities in which formal organization is at work are urged to cooperate fully. Those who have not been reached through the special organization machinery of the Fund are urged to send their donations directly to Shaw.

We have had a good school year and we are grateful for the support and good will of an increasing number of alumni and friends. We are still receiving contributions from many of you towards our efforts to raise the \$45,000 necessary to match the grant of the General Education Board. We are requesting those who have not sent a donation this year to do so by commencement or before the close of this fiscal year in June. The Baccalaureate Exercises will be held on Sunday, May 28, at 3:00 p.m. and the Commencement on Monday, May 29, at 3:30 p.m. You are invited.

Very faithfully yours,

ROBERT P. DANIEL,
President.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

April 3, 1944.

Dear Fellow Alumni:

I wish to thank you for the very fine way in which you responded to our letter of appeal for financial help for Shaw University, your Alma Mater, in the early part of the school year.

To date, a little more than half the amount asked for has been contributed by different individuals and organizations. We have still to raise \$21,000.00 to reach our goal, and to make sure of the \$45,000.00 from the General Education Board. We must not fail! We will not fail!

If you have not already sent your contribution, please send it between now and Commencement.

We hope to see you at the Alumni Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Commencement Day, May 29.

Very truly yours,

C. F. POPE, President,
Shaw Alumni Association.

Shaw University Is Grateful for These Gifts

1. Law books from Attorney M. Ashby Lambert of Raleigh.
Shaw University was pleased to receive this tribute from Mr. Lambert when he sent the gift.

"Having discontinued the active practice of law, and, as a consequence, having a law library of 26 bookcase sections of law books of various types on hand, I have been considering for some time to whom I should present these books—where they could be of the most benefit and service. In this connection, my first thought was of my Alma Mater, the University of North Carolina, then of Duke University and Wake Forest College. But, as all of these colleges are well provided for by the State or endowments, it occurred to me that Shaw University, with its lesser means, and its earnest endeavor to help those who are striving to help themselves, would be the place where these books could and should be of the most help.

"Permit me to state that I have watched with a great deal of sympathy and admiration the great advancement in all lines of the Negro race in America during the years since Emancipation Day, and to say that I believe that as the race improves educationally and culturally, more and more opportunities will be opened to it, and this will be to the benefit of ALL the citizens of the nation, and, in this advancement, Shaw University can have a great part."

2. \$500 legacy to Shaw under the will of the late Mrs. Nannie L. Smith, widow of a distinguished Shaw alumnus, Dr. E. E. Smith. This made a total of \$2,000 which Mrs. Smith has given to Shaw since her husband's death.
3. Check of \$325.81 representing the amount as one of the residuary legates in the will of the late Dr. G. W. Cardwell of Elizabeth City.
4. \$100 from Dr. and Mrs. John A. Kenney of Tuskegee Institute as a tribute to the memory of their deceased son who gave his life in the service, Lieutenant Oscar Kenney.

SHAW MEN



Lieut. George Marshall



Lieut. Nelson Green



Capt. John Handy



Lieut. Theodore Childs



Lieut. Herbert Vick



Warrant Officer Melrose Nimmo



Lieut. Casper Hill



Lieut. Daniel Rich



Lieut. John Chavis

COMMISSIONED



Warrant Officer Herman Forbes



Capt. John Clanton



Lieut. Walter Moore



Lieut. Booker T. Maides



Lieut. Theodore Shell



Lieut. Averett Johnson



In the Army



Lieut. R. Conrad Boddie



Lieut. Fred Brewer

Theological Day

Declaring that "God did not send you to preach the gospel to Negroes alone; why should not you preach it to senators?", President Mordecai W. Johnson in the main address before a capacity audience at Shaw University fourth annual Theological Day exercises held Wednesday, April 12, in the Greenleaf Memorial Hall, urged the ministers, Shaw students, and friends to pray and to write their congressional representatives to take steps to have America do its duty in leading in the organization of the world on a basis of love.

The Shaw Theological Day program included two sessions at which Dr. Johnson delivered addresses. In the morning session he exhorted America to prepare itself for the task which "Jesus Christ is urging America to perform as He continues to declare His love."

Opening prayer in the first session was offered by the Reverend Paul Johnson, pastor of the Raleigh Martin Street Baptist Church, and the benediction pronounced by Dean John L. Tilley of the Shaw University School of Religion. Scripture was read by the Reverend Leon C. Riddick of Asheville.

The afternoon session included addresses by the Reverend Moses Newsome, pastor of the Charleston, W. Va., Baptist Church and graduate of the Shaw School of Religion who delivered the alumni address, and by Dr. Johnson who discussed some elements of Christianity which will be increasingly emphasized in our modern times.

Both sessions were presided over by the Reverend Otha L. Sherrill, pastor of the Wilmington Baptist Church and president of the Shaw School of Religion Alumni.

Introduced by President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw, Dr. Johnson compared the present position of America with that of the Jewish leaders who pronounced the death sentence on Jesus Christ "When the Son of Man held in His heart to organize the world on a solid foundation of love and spiritual unity."

Declaring that forestalling Hitler's aborted effort to organize the world on a basis of race prejudice and blood superiority is negative

and insufficient, Dr. Johnson insisted that America's efforts in this direction must be centered around "Being the first great nation to be trusted from one end of the world to the other."

The prominent President of Howard University suggested that America's great work in the organization process must include stimulating a change in the imperialistic policies of our allies, for, he continued, "as much as we respect our allies the worst deeds in accordance with the doctrine of Hitler are on our side."

Lauding the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in admitting Negroes to primaries of the Democratic party in some Southern States, Dr. Johnson expressed the belief that many Americans are in the same fashion anxious to have Britain "take her heel off of India's neck. Many of these people are southerners who for political reasons do not have the courage to speak out what is in their hearts."

If America does not act, said Dr. Johnson, Russia may surround herself with allies and within twenty years the world will "be cursed with another convulsion of war which may destroy civilization."

Music on the occasion was furnished by the Shaw University Choral Society under the direction of Mrs. Emily M. Kelly.

In the afternoon session Dr. Johnson set forth the preaching of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth now, increasing emphasis on social and institutional phases of life, increased preaching and thought centered around radical ethics, and the drawing together of Christian churches through love as four elements of Christianity which will be increasingly emphasized in our modern times.

Honor Roll

Forty-eight Shaw University students were included on the University's honor roll of students who made averages of "B" or higher in their entire programs for the first semester 1943-44 according to announcement of Shaw registrar.

Dorothy Mills Cheek, a sophomore student from Henderson, led the entire school in scholarship by earning all "A" grades. Miss

Cheek's record shows an "A" average for each of the three semesters of her attendance at Shaw.

The Shaw senior class with fifteen students on the University honor roll showed the highest average representation. The freshman class with thirteen students was second.

Seniors appearing on the honor roll for seven consecutive semesters were Misses Bernice Byrd, Charlotte; Rosalyn C. Richardson, Tarboro; and Ruth E. Wimberly, Raleigh.

Others on the honor roll are: seniors—Lynette E. Armstrong, Rocky Mount; Hester M. Bateman, Ossining, N. Y.; Susie P. Battle, Whitakers; Bernice Byrd, Charlotte; William R. Edmondson, Raleigh; Essie B. Hall, Wise; James W. Hicks, Raleigh; Elizabeth B. Malone, Rocky Mount; Ruth G. Morgan, Wendell; Jessie C. Moses, Rocky Mount; Andolia V. Oakley, Oxford; Mary E. Pridgeon, Nashville; Rosalyn C. Richardson, Tarboro; Anita L. Stewart, Sanford; Ruth E. Wimberly, Raleigh.

Juniors—William D. Burton, Rougemont; Sarah W. Cherry, Windsor; Theodore F. Childs, Jamaica, N. Y.; Clementine A. High, New York City; Marie E. Jackson, New York City; Doris L. Larkins, Raleigh; Doris Newsome, Fremont; Annie M. Oakley, Oxford; Wilhelmenia E. Smith, Winston-Salem; Teresa I. Wilkins, Spring Hope; Marie V. Wood, New York City.

Sophomores—Anna L. Boone, Dover, N. J.; Dorothy M. Cheek, Henderson; Madge C. Clark, New York City; Hermine J. Godfrey, Philadelphia, Penn.; Vivian A. High, New York City; Grace Lee Payne, Swedesboro, N. J.

Freshmen—Dorman F. Avery, Wilmington; Lorena N. Breeze, Hillsboro; Delsa D. Daniels, La Grange; Helena M. Dunham, Waterbury, Conn.; Thomas A. Entzminger, Jamestown, N. Y.; Leo!a Fitts, Littleton; Gwendolyn B. Ligon, Raleigh; Jesse L. Lofton, Mount Olive; John R. Manley, Como; Dorothy L. Powell, New York City; Edith I. Prunty, North Fork, W. Va.; Virginia L. Raiford, Smithfield; Donnie Mae Williamson.

Unclassified—Marjorie Ripley Lennon, Ayden; Joseph C. Saint-Fort, Saint Marc, Haiti; and Maurice P. Stuppard, Saint Marc, Haiti.

Honors Day

Duties of the "worthwhile college student of these times" were outlined by Dr. R. A. Young, professor of biology at Shaw University, in the main address of an Alpha Omicron Honors Day celebration held Wednesday, May 3, in the Shaw University Greenleaf Memorial Hall. The ceremonies included also the presentation of membership certificates to three Shaw students whose outstanding scholarship records and other qualifications entitled them to memberships in the Alpha Omicron chapter of the Alpha Kappa Honor Society.

Music was furnished by Miss Ruth Wimberly, Raleigh, a member of the honor society, who played a piano solo; and the Alpha Omicron chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

Miss Bernice Byrd, Charlotte, a member of the society, paid special tribute to Shaw students whose names have been included on the University honor roll during the year and to prize and scholarship winners of 1943.

James Thomas, Wilmington, president of the honor group, was master of ceremonies. Miss Rosalyn C. Richardson, Tarboro, is secretary.

Student Election

C. Joseph Barfield of Kinston was named president of the Shaw University student body for the 1944-45 school year in elections held Friday, April 28, 1944, on the Shaw campus.

Barfield is at present a member of the Shaw Junior class. He has served as editor of the *Shaw Journal*, student publication, and has been active in student affairs.

Other officers elected included Miss Marie V. Wood, New York City, vice-president; Miss Dorothy Cheek, Henderson, secretary; Miss Minnie Gaines, Atlantic City, N. J., assistant secretary; Joy Johnson, Laurinburg, treasurer; Peter Brown, Handson, Va., Chaplain; Eugene Turner, Goldston, and Thomas Entzminger, James-

town, N. Y., sergeants-at-arms; Miss Grace Payne, Swedesboro, N. J., business manager; Dorman Avery, Wilmington, parliamentarian; Charlton St. Fort, St. Marc, Haiti, assistant parliamentarian; James Everett, Jamesville, editor of the Shaw Journal; and Australia Mason, Rocky Mount, business manager of the Shaw Journal.

Alumni Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathewson, both of the class of 1939, announce the birth of a son on February 8, 1944.

The board of directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A., 901 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D. C., voted unanimously on February 8, to approve the appointment of Miss Ruth W. Lee, A.B. '41, to the position as counseling and information secretary of the Y.W.C.A. staff.

Lieutenant Walter L. Moore has been named assistant director of the ground school at the Tuskegee Army Air Field.

Miss Mary S. Ward, A.B. '37, became the bride of Mr. Glennie M. Mathewson in December.

Many items regarding the progress of Shaw graduates are omitted from this column because no one sends the proper information to the BULLETIN. Please send us information concerning the activities of Shawites!

Miss Andolia V. Oakley, a candidate for graduation in the 1944 class, was the recipient of a prize of twenty-five dollars awarded for an essay on "A Suggested Solution to the Race Problem in America."

Judge Armond W. Scott, LL.B. '98, and LL.D. '40, of the Washington, D. C., Municipal Court, has been named president of the Robert H. Terrell Law School in Washington.

William Thurber Armstrong, B.S. '29; George Marshall, B.S. '39;



Chaplain T. H. Brooks

and Herbert Vick, B.S., '36, received the doctor of medicine degree from Meharry Medical College last March.

E. Don Moten, Jr., B.S. '41, received from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry the doctor of optometry degree in 1943.

The Reverend John Dillingham, minister of the Faith Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Pa., has been elected a member of the board of managers of the Crozier Theological Seminary Alumni.

The Summer School graduating class has donated to Shaw University four collection plates and twenty-five dollars worth of new books in the field of education. The plates are made of myrtlewood, one of the rarest and most beautiful woods known. It is found only in a very small area on the Pacific Coast and in the Holy Land. It is also one of the most ancient woods of which we have any record, having been mentioned by writers of the Old Testament. Every piece of myrtlewood is a work of art started by nature centuries ago and finished by today's skilled craftsmen.

Charles A. Lucas, A.B. '43, has been appointed community branch secretary of the Cedar Branch Y.M.C.A. in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Army needs immediately Negro and white men and women civilian teachers to replace military personnel as instructors in primary education for illiterate soldiers and expects to employ from three thousand to five thousand men and women by midsummer. Persons interested should address the War Department, Washington, D. C.

The Reverend Matthew Neil, B.Th. '34, is the father of a daughter born in November 1943.

Mrs. Antoinette L. Weaver Ransom who completed her work at Shaw in 1878 and has been regarded as one of the oldest living Shaw students passed away a few days ago.

